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SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR
RHODESIA

REF: A. DAR ES SALAAM 3535 AND B. DAR ES SALAAM 3537

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED VIA BRITISH EMBASSY TEXT OF
STATEMENT WHICH OWEN PROPOSES TO MAKE ON SEPTEMBER 1
IN SALISBURY ON LAW AND ORDER (TEXT CONTAINED IN UK HICOM
BROWN'S TEL NO. 410 OF 30 AUGUST 77 FROM DAR ES SALAAM
TO FCO). IN GENERAL, WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A
SHORTER STATEMENT ENUNCIATING BASIC PRINCIPLES AND
CONTAINING SENTENCE DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 REFTEL A.

WE HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS THAT STATEMENT MIGHT COMMIT US AND UK TO PROPOSALS WHICH MAY NOT WORK OUT AS THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS EVOLVES FOLLOWING INITIAL ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE TO DRAFT A MUCH SHORTER STATEMENT OR WHETHER AMENDMENT OF PRESENT TEXT IS BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR.

2. WE SUPPORT INCLUSION OF SENTENCE CONCERNING VIEW THAT ENROLLMENT IN ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY "WILL BE OPEN TO ALL CITIZENS, BUT IT WILL BE BASED ON THE LIBERATION FORCES AND WILL ALSO INCLUDE ACCEPTABLE

ELEMENTS OF THE RHODESIAN DEFENSE FORCES." WE TRUST THAT YOU BELIEVE THIS SENTENCE WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS EXPRESSED BY FONMIN MKAPA IN REFTEL B. IF IN ORDER TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS, HOWEVER, YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO STRENGTHEN THIS SENTENCE, YOU MAY WISH TO INSERT THE WORD "PREDOMINANTLY" AFTER "BASED."

3. IF YOU DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH ISSUING THE PRESENT TEXT, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CHANGES:

A. IN THE SECTION "THE ROLE OF THE VARIOUS FORCES," DELETE THE SECOND AND THIRD PARAGRAPHS.
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ADD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: "MAINTENANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE BY THE UN ZIMBABWE FORCE WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE MANDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE APPROVED FOR IT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AUGMENTATION, IF NEEDED, MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER BY CALLING UPON ELEMENTS OF THE LIBERATION FORCES, ELEMENTS OF THE RHODESIAN ARMY, AND THE ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY."

B. IN THE SECTION "ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY," REPHRASE THE SENTENCE BEGINNING "ENDORSEMENT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL" TO READ "IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BY PROVIDING FOR THE UN ROLE IN ZIMBABWE, WILL AT THE SAME TIME ENDORSE THE AGREEMENTS REACHED, AND THUS PUT THE WEIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEHIND THEM." CHANGE FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES TO READ: "IT WILL BE OUR OBJECTIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO INCLUDE IN THE MANDATE FOR A UN ROLE PROVISION FOR THE UN FORCE TO REMAIN FOR A LIMITED PERIOD FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE, SHOULD IT BE REQUESTED BY THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ZIMBABWE. OF COURSE, IT

WOULD BE UP TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, FOLLOWING
ELECTIONS AND PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, TO MAKE THE
DECISIONS ON THE FINAL STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION
OF THE ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY." REMAINDER OF
PARA IS UNCHANGED.

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